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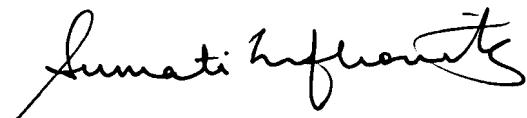
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1.  The amendment filed on 12 October 2007 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

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- b)  entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c)  disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.  
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